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REGIONS OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN PLURALITY OF SEQUENCES

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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-326330, published November 26, 1999.
3. International Publication No. WO 01/01218, published January 4, 2001.
4. International Publication No. WO 01/38568, published May 31, 2001.
5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2001-125929, published May 11, 2001.

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